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DRIEHAUS SUPPORTS CLARK MONTESSORI IN RACE TO THE TOP COMMENCEMENT
CHALLENGE
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**WASHINGTON, DC**—Representative Steve Driehaus today announced his support for Clark Montessori Junior & Senior High School in the Race to the Top Commencement Challenge, and urged greater Cincinnati residents to vote for Clark Montessori online at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/Commencement>

. President Obama will attend the commencement of the winning school later this year. To underscore his support,

[Rep. Driehaus wrote a letter to the President](#)

highlighting the achievements of Clark Montessori.

“Clark Montessori is a source of pride for Cincinnati and a model of what public education can be in the United States. It would be an honor for the President to visit Cincinnati so that Clark’s students and teachers can showcase their tremendous accomplishments. I hope everyone in our community will support Clark Montessori’s bid in the Commencement Challenge,” said Rep. Driehaus.

Clark Montessori Junior & Senior High School was the first public Montessori high school in the United States, graduating its first class of 22 students in 2001. Since its establishment, Clark has grown to an enrollment of 669 students in grades seven to 12. This year, Clark will graduate 100 percent of its seniors, all of whom have been accepted to college. The Ohio Department of Education has rated Clark Montessori “excellent,” the department’s highest rating, and the William Gates Foundation has identified Clark as one of five model high schools in the United States.

[Click here to view Rep. Driehaus’s letter to President Obama](#) .

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